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SUBJECT: HAITI ON IRAN'S CANDIDACY FOR PRESIDENT OF UNDP'S
EXECUTIVE BOARD

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Poloff discussed the USG's opposition to Iran's candidacy for UNDP Executive Board President (reftel) with MFA Director of International Organization Affairs Azad Belfort January 8. Belfort said he had not been aware that Iran would be a candidate for the UNDP Executive Board presidency. He added that he would seek additional information from the Haitian delegation in New York and then quickly inform the Minister of Foreign Affairs. Belfort said he could not guarantee Haiti would oppose Iran's candidacy because the Ministry has not yet studied the issue; Poloff noted that if the Ministry required more time to formulate voting instructions, the Haitian delegation could support a delay in the vote to give Haiti and other Executive Board members time to study the issue further.
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